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SUBJ: CAIRO PRESS ON LEBANESE EVENTS

1. PRESS COVERAGE AUGUST 6 WAS AGAIN LIMITED AND NEGATIVE
ON CEASE FIRE PROSPECTS IN LEBANON.

2. MILITARY. AKHBAR BANNERED HOUSE-TO-HOUSE FIGHTING
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IN NABAA QUARTER. PAPER CLAIMED RIGHTISTS DETERMINED

TO SEIZE NABAA AND TEL ZA'TAR AT ALL COSTS BEFORE ANY
CEASEFIRE GOES INTO EFFECT. ALSO REPORTED CHAMOUN CHARGE
THAT IRAQI SOLDIERS FIGHTING AT SIDE OF PALESITNIANS AND THAT HE
OFFERED TWO CAPTURED IRAQIS AS PROOF. PAPER REPORTS HE
SENT MESSAGE OF COMPAINT TO ARAB LEAGUE AND UN. OTHER
UNIDENTIFIED RIGHTIST ALLEGES ALGERIAN, PAKISTANI, SOMALI,
YEMENI (PRESUMABLY PDRY), "EUROPEAN AND LATIN
AMERICAN COMMUNIST" TROOPS ALSO FIGHTING WITH PALESTINIANS.

3. POLITICAL. EXPECTED MEETING OF LEBANESE-PALESTINIAN-SYRIAN
COMMITTEE REPORTED BOYCOTTED BY RIGHTISTS BECAUSE OF THIER
INVOLVEMENT IN NABAA BATTLE.

4. COMMENTARY. AKHBAR EDITORIALIZED LATEST CEASFIRE
ATTEMPT UNLIKELY TO SUCCEED. PAPER SAID PEACE UNATTAINABLE
UNLESS SYRIAN FORCES WITHDRAWN, ARAB LEAGUE SECURITY FORCE
ENABLED TO MAINTAIN SECURITY AND CREATE PROPER CONDITONS
FOR SARKIS TO RESTORE NORMAL LIFE, LEFT-RIGHT DIALOGUE JOINED,
AND CAIRO ACCORD ON GROUND RULES FOR PALESTINIANS
RESPECTED. NONE OF THIS LIKELY, AKHBAR COMMENTED, IN
VIEW SYRIAN-CHAMOUNIST DETERMINATION TO PARTITION LEBANON
AND IMPOSE CONTROL ON PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE.

5. AHAM CHIEF EDITOR HAMDY GAMAL LOOSED BROADSIDE AT
DAMASCUS IN PIECE ENTITLED "PLAY OF SYRIAN BA'ATH". WROTE THAT
CURRENT SITUATION RECALLS PREVIOUS DRAMA OF BLACK SEPTEMBER,
WHEN JORDAN MOVED AGAINST PALESTINIANS WITH AMERICAN ARMS.
NOW, IN "BLACK JUNE," SYRIANS ATTEMPTING EXTERMINATE PALESTINIAN
RESISTANCE WITH SOVIET ARMS. GAMAL SAYS SYRIANS AND
JORDANIANS GOT TOGETHER AFTER SIGNING OF SINAI II,
FORMER TO TRY REPLACE EGYPT AS LEADER OF ARAB WORLD
AND LATTER TO END IT POLITICAL ISOLATION. HUSAIN AND
BA'ATH CONSPIRING TO DESTROY FAATH AND REPLACE IT WITH
SA'IQA. SAME DAY KOSYGIN ARRIVED IN DAMASCUS, GAMAL SAYS,
SYRIANS ENTERED LEBANON. ASKS IF SOVIETS SUPPLYING
BA'ATH WITH ARMS FOR PURPOSE OF DESTROYING PALESTINIAN
REVOLUTION AND QUESTIONS NATURE OF RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
KOSYGIN VISIT AND JOINING OF BATTLE BY SOVIET-MADE TANKS.
HE CLAIMS SYRIAN-PALESTINIAN AGREEMENT IS BA'ATH PLOY TO
TRY TO DISASSOCIATE ITSELF PUBLICLY FROM CHAMOUNIST-
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